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STATE TO TAKE DRASTIC STEPS

Auditor Declares Millions of
Intangibles Are in
Hiding

WILL FORCE PAYMENT

Announces More Heroic Measures
Will Be Provided if Inspectors Fail
in Efforts

Richmond, July 24—Auditor C. Lee Moore does not think much of the returns so far made by the examiners of records of "voluntary" reports made by taxpayers who have failed to return omitted property and thus escape the penalties for such failure up to August 1 of this year. He declares that the returns so far made are a mere bagatelle, are farcical and that people are still disposed to dodge taxes and hope to succeed in avoiding just payments.

Mr. Moore also made it exceedingly plain that the state is just as determined to compel settlements as at any time, and that if there is failure by the present method others will be devised which will be more radical and drastic and that no person will be allowed to escape payment of a legitimate share of the burdens of taxation. Mr. Moore said:

"I read with interest the publications regarding voluntary returns of intangibles, and I do not regard it in any sense as a substantial response by the taxpayers to the opportunity afforded them by the general assembly," declared Mr. Moore. "The period of omission covers twelve years, and I believe that there are many millions in values which have not been assessed in those years."

"Voluntary returns so far made are a bagatelle, and the large amount returned in the Newport News circuit is practically the return of one taxpayer. I had hoped that taxpayers, conscious of their omissions during many of these years, if not all of them, would respond to the offer to make voluntary returns, which, I believe, should aggregate many millions of dollars, but their failure, evidenced by returns so far filed, forces the commonwealth, through her taxing officers, after August 1, 1916, and thereafter to vigorously make investigations with respect to each and all tax payers to make mandatory assessments."

"Moreover, if the present system under which the commonwealth is proceeding proves inadequate, the state will provide special taxing officers for each city and county, who will devote their entire time to ascertaining and assessing the omissions during this period of years. And if the ascertainment is not made in the lifetime of the owners of such property, it will be made against the estate of such person at his or her death."

"At the last session the general assembly declared the policy of the commonwealth to be that these omissions should be assessed for state purposes for every year since 1902, and for local purposes for every year since 1911. To the extent that taxpayers have failed to make these returns voluntarily, the burden upon the taxing officers has been increased, and while all these omissions cannot possibly be assessed during this year this work must be continued thereafter until the mandatory requirement with in every county and city of the law shall have been complied with."

Christopher B. Garnett, of the state tax board, gave a ruling affecting the taxing laws and the matter of who should return stocks for taxation. The question was asked whether stocks which were pledged as collateral should be taxed. Mr. Garnett replied that such stocks were taxable and should be returned at mar-

DEATH OF J. W. RILEY.

Hoosier Poet Succumbs to Paralysis in Indianapolis.

James Whitcomb Riley, died Saturday night at his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Riley's death was due to paralysis. He suffered a violent stroke early Saturday morning.

James Whitcomb Riley, was born in the middle West in 1848.

The poet was the son of Reuben A. Riley, a lawyer and political speaker, of Greenfield, Ind. His mother, who was Elizabeth Marine before her marriage, was a writer of verse, and Riley in later life attributed some of his impracticability to her.

Instead of preparing for the practice of law, as his father wished, the son turned intendant sign painter. For ten years he roved through the Ohio valley, painting signs on fences. He cleverly drew sketches illustrating the virtues of merchandise. He later developed the poetic vein and contributed to newspapers and magazines. He at one time accompanied Bill Nye on his tour.

PLANNING BIG OUTING

All Day Picnic to Be Given Thursday
For The Benefit of School Improvement Fund

What will probably be the largest and most successful outing given by any organization in this city for a number of years, excepting river excursions, will be given to Snowdens station on the Washington-Virginia electric railway, Thursday, July 27, if one may judge from present indications and the interest that is being aroused by the persons in charge.

The picnic is to be all-day one and will be given for the benefit of the improvement fund of St. Mary's parochial school. Tickets may be purchased from any of the committee for the ride down on the train and those who go bring their own lunches and eat them on the grounds of the old Collingwood Club, an organization of business men of this city in past years. Cars will be run from the Prince and Royal street station all during the day, according to announcement, and persons may come and go when they wish.

TO GIVE PICNIC TO POOR

Local Branch of Salvation Army Will
Entertain at Big Outing Wednesday at The Dike

Plans are being completed by the local branch of the Salvation Army for an all day outing to be given Wednesday, July 27, at the Dyke, for the poor of this city. The salvationists expect to care for over a hundred mothers and children during the day, and are arranging to give them all a long to be remembered treat, to be given free.

Business men of the city have contributed generously to the outing fund and Ensign Coleman, who has charge of the local branch, states that there will be plenty to eat and that quantities of ice cream and cake will be served to the little ones and the mothers.

Cars will leave the Prince and Royal street corner at ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

MEMBERS OF R. E. LEE CAMP

Will meet at Wheatley's Chapel in Uniform at 10 a. m. tomorrow to attend the funeral of Comrade John A. Humphries.

J. W. Hammond,
1st Lieut. Com.

EXCURSION TO ASHEVILLE and other North Carolina points advertised for July 28, is hereby cancelled due to recent flood conditions in that section. Southern Railway.

LOST — Pay envelope containing money in bills Saturday evening. Finder please return to Thomas Decker, care of Portner's Brewery and receive reward. 24-3

ket value by person who had pledged them for the purpose of obtaining a loan.

ALLIES STILL ON THE OFFENSIVE

British Attack Along Whole

Line on Western
Front

AUSTRALIANS' FEATS

French Troops Repulse Counter-attacks and Hold New Line Intact Throughout

London, July 24—Marked advances by the allies on both fronts and the repulse of all German counter attacks are shown in the reports from General Haig and the official statement issued in Petrograd today.

Furious battles with intense artillery fire mark the German attempts to check General Kuropatkin on the east front and the British on the west.

While the censor hides the exact details of the Russian victory, it is announced that General von Hindenburg's line has been pierced and the Czar's forces have forced a way through the German line below Riga and broken temporarily Austrian resistance to a further advance toward northern Galicia and Hungary.

The report today from General Haig shows that the British have extended their thrust around Pozieres, taking a large portion of the village.

Hard fighting is going on, with the British holding their advantage. The latest advance of the British is forcing a way into the third line of the Germans.

This is the stage of the great offensive at which critics at the beginning pointed out the "serious work" began, and important developments might be expected.

London, July 24—The big guns are pounding away on the Verdun front without cessation day or night. The bombardment has taken on aspects of great violence in the sector west of the Meuse, where the German front juts in closest to the fortress. In this region also the day was marked by sharp infantry fighting.

The Germans claim a gain of ground south of Dambloup. Paris says that heavy fighting has taken place around the ruined chapel of Ste. Fine, while a German attack near Eparges was repulsed.

London, July 24—The fourth week of the Somme battle begins well for the Entente Allies and is expected to be fruitful of important developments. Before Saturday midnight the British began a new attack on the whole line from Pozieres to Guillemont, and the fact that General Haig has been able to resume the offensive so soon after the unsuccessful German counter-attacks of last week, in which very strong German forces were brought forward, is regarded as a good augury.

The fighting has been of the fiercest character, the Germans working with their utmost strength to prevent the British from advancing to their third line positions. When the last reports left headquarters in France the Australians had firmly established themselves in Pozieres and are reported to have placed themselves astride the road in the direction of Bapaume, while at Guillemont and Longueval fortunes fluctuated, both places changing hands several times. Late last night fighting was proceeding with the utmost violence.

The German counter attacks recently delivered against the French front have proved equally unsuccessful, and the Entente Allies now are fighting slowly in the direction of Comblès, which is only two miles distance from Guillemont.

According to a reliable estimate, the British and French together have captured since July 1 more than 26,000 prisoners, 140 guns and hundreds of machine guns.

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LETTER FROM THE CAMP

Alexandria Light Infantrymen Received Pay as Soldiers of Uncle Sam

Brownsville, Texas, July 18. — Boxes from home—"that town worth coming from," the men call it now—relieved the monotony of fatigue day at the camp of the Alexandria Light Infantry, here today.

And it was pay-day, the first the men have had since they were mobilized. That helped too, to make it a day of joy as well as one of hard work.

The boxes were the gift of the Order of the Eastern Star, and individuals in Alexandria. Each contained several days' supply of candy, tobacco and peanuts. Each man in the company got a box. Word that they were on the way had reached the men through copies of the Gazette and letters from home, and they had been eagerly watched for.

When the big packages containing them were hauled into camp, the word went 'round. The whole company was sweating under the torrid sun, grubbing and ditching the company street.

Smiles that spread over the men's faces then, were not a bit relaxed when the word went scurrying around a little later on that today was really going to be pay-day. It was; and right after retreat, at half-past six, nearly every man in the company went into Brownsville. Most of them were set on hanging its name, if painting the town red will do that.

The "honorary" job of all fatigue-day was the grubbing. Stumps of the mesquite brush, that was cut down when the land was cleared before the troops went into camp here, have been stumpling-blocks to the men ever since. The clean-up movement, that has been going on gradually, took the form of grubbing-day today. The stumps were all cut below the level of the ground and covered over; a path was smoothed out and ditched along the row of tents, and the whole street was leveled off.

The company did guard duty for the whole camp of the First Regiment yesterday, and so today it did fatigue duty, instead of drill. That is regular military routine, which further promises 24 hours of rest the following day. But there is no rest in a mobilization camp.

Reveille tomorrow morning will find the men turning out of quarters; and 5:15 o'clock will find them in company formation, with side-arms on and rifles at their heels.

Company G, (the official name of the Alexandria Light Infantry) is very much wrought up over reports from home, reflecting on its captain, Conrad Johnson. Tales that he has been in any way misbehaving, or neglecting the slightest detail of his arduous duties, are known by every man in the company to be untrue. Both privates and non-coms, besides Captain Johnson's fellow officers, are pretty mad about one particular story they have heard was taken back to Alexandria from Richmond, by a man who left the company there.

The men are also surprised at an editorial in the Gazette several days ago, which was evidently based on misinformation. It referred to the sending home from Richmond of men in Company G, who were disqualified under the strict physical examination they underwent before they

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ANXIETY OVER FATE OF BREMEN

Failure of U-Boat to Reach
Baltimore Depressing

OVERDUE NOW A WEEK

Non-Appearance of Undersea Craft Expected to Bring Submarine Commerce to an End

Baltimore, July 24—Failure of the cargo U-boat Bremen to arrive as scheduled is the real reason for holding the Deutschland in port here.

This is the explanation for Captain Koenig's failure to slip out to sea in a daring dash and attempt to slip by the cordon of allied warships off the shore in the Atlantic.

Grave fears that the sister ship of the undersea marvel here has met with disaster is felt by the crew of the Deutschland and by the agents due a week ago and no news having arrived, the strain is beginning to tell on the men who are waiting nerves on edge, to face a myriad of unknown perils in their attempt to win their way back home.

Today came well authenticated reports that in addition to the line of French and British warships cruising up and down the coast two powerful sea going English submarines are speeding in to join them. Every hour of delay is believed to add to the danger Captain Koenig will have to face.

A hundred reasons have been advanced in explanation of the delayed departure of the commercial submarine. Shipping men, officials, newspaper correspondents, and alleged "spies" of the allies have waited for days for the dash to sea. Now comes the report from German sources that the Deutschland awaits the Bremen, and will remain in Baltimore harbor until the fate of her sister ship is known.

It is hinted that if the Bremen does not slip into some American harbor rivaling the feat of the Deutschland her failure will end the German-American undersea traffic.

were mustered into the Federal militia. The Gazette's editorial stated in effect that the men were "set adrift," at Richmond without funds or transportation home. As a matter of fact, they were paid off and their way to Alexandria was paid.

There is nothing but condemnation among the men and officers as well for the unfair treatment the disqualified men got during the week or so that they were held at Camp Stuart. This mistreatment, however, should not be charged to the company commanders who appeared to be as much incensed at it, as the men themselves. And whatever their claims for sympathy, being "set adrift" in Richmond is not one of them.

Further than that, it was largely through the efforts of Capt. Conrad Johnson himself, that the men were treated as well as they were. It is generally known in the First Regiment that it was due to "licks" he made that the disqualified men got the favors doled out to them. An order was actually promulgated requiring them to give up the very uniforms on their backs, after they had been brought to Richmond as part of the company. This order was rescinded when Capt. Johnson strenuously objected to its being enforced against his men.

The company commanders of the whole regiment were considered enough to share their own personal blankets with their disqualified men in several instances, after the latter had been stripped of their equipment. That is the kind of treatment they got from the officers immediately over them.

DEATH OF AN ALEXANDRIAN

John A. Humphries, Old and Well-Known Citizen Passes Away in West Virginia

John A. Humphries a native of this city, and for many years a resident, died in Huntington, West Virginia, yesterday. The deceased was 82 years old. He was a son of the late William Humphries, a well-known tobacconist of by gone years, who conducted business in a building upon the site of the structure now used by R. E. Knight and Son, on King street, near Washington. He was a machinist by occupation, and was for a long time employed by the Southern Railway Company. He was a member of the Mount Vernon Guards during the war between the states, and left Alexandria with that command May 24, 1861.

His funeral will take place from B. Wheatley's chapel tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

"RETURN OF THE JEWS"

Subject Handled in an Interesting Manner by Evangelist Last Night

Evangelist Gibson delivered an address last night at the gospel tent on north Washington street upon "The Return of the Jews." Among other things the speaker said:

"Why should professing Christian people antagonize each other and manifest hatred and prejudice and not mingle with one another if they believe in the same Lord over all? There is neither Jew nor Greek, bond or free, male or female; but ye are all one in Christ Jesus. We are today finding Jews and Gentiles from all parts of the earth being converted to Christ—all becoming one in Him."

The subject tonight will be "The Gathering of Israel."

FIGHT ON ELECTRIC TRAIN

Washingtonians, One Drunk and Carrying Pint Bottle of Whisky, Cause Scene

Sam Cook and Frank Norton were among the passengers who left Washington for this city early this afternoon. Norton had provided himself with a bottle of whisky before leaving, and he and Cook soon made it known to their fellow passengers that they were on the train. Norton sat near two young men, and he accused one of placing his hand in his pocket. This brought on trouble, and the conductor endeavored to quiet the party, but they paid no attention to him, and when one of the young men with whom the Washingtonians had quarreled attempted to leave the train at Hume Springs Cook struck him, and a general mixup followed. The disorder continued after the train reached the city limits, and upon its arrival here officer Snellings arrested Cook and Norton. The latter was drunk and fought the officer so viciously that he was forced to use his stick upon him.

After the pair had been brought to the station house a special session of the Police Court was held and Cook was fined \$10. Not having the necessary wherewithal, he was locked up. Norton was too drunk to stand trial, and his case will be disposed of tomorrow.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED

Washingtonian Gets Feet Entangled in Dense Sea Weed and Drowns Below Alexandria

Carl S. Reed, 19, of 451 Luray place, Washington was drowned in only four feet of water, in Piscataway creek, near Fort Washington yesterday morning. Young Reed's body was recovered late yesterday afternoon by a squad of police from the harbor patrol and taken to his home. The young man was swimming, and it is supposed his feet became entangled in grass which pulled him under the water.

Just arrived a fresh supply of Crabs Clams, and Oysters. Call or Telephone and orders will be given prompt attention. Ramell Cafe—S. Royal Street.

RUSSIANS GAIN IN BUKOWINA

Austrians Forced to Retreat
to Carpathians' Main
Ridge

FIGHT NEAR HUNGARY

Teutons' Losses in Prisoners and Guns Mounting Rapidly in Recent Engagements

Vienna, July 24—Under the menace of a heavy Russian assault, the Austrians in the Carpathian region of Southern Bukovina, southeast of Tatarow, have withdrawn toward the main ridge of the Carpathians, the War Office officially announces.

London, July 24—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Petrograd says:

"A Russian advance of five miles is reported on the left wing of the Riga sector. General von Linsingen's recent losses on the Styr and Lipa rivers are computed to be at least 50,000 men out of the three corps engaged."

"The Russians are on the point of entering the northeast corner of Galicia. Colonel-General Boehm-Ermolli and Gen. Count von Bothmer being outflanked both on the north and south."

"The heights captured by the Russians are only four miles from the summit of the Carpathians and the Hungarian frontier in the direction of Maramaros Sziget."

"The Russians hold the whole of the Trebizond-Erzurum road in Asiatic Turkey."

Petrograd, July 24—Teutonic troops in Volhynia tried Saturday night to break the Russian line along the river Stokhod, near Bereznica, 25 miles northeast of Kovel, but failed, and were compelled to retire the War Office announced today.

German attempts to recapture a lost position northeast of Smorzen also were futile.

Berlin, July 24—The breaking up of Russian attempts to advance southward of Riga and of efforts of Russian troops to cross the Styr in Volhynia are reported in an official statement by the War Office.

WILL ELECT DELEGATES

Those to Represent Local Fire Companies at Harrisonburg Convention to Be Selected Soon

At the meeting of the Columbia Fire Engine Company August 2, it is announced that delegates to the State Firemen's Association of Virginia's convention in Harrisonburg, August 23-25, will be elected. Five delegates and five alternates will be chosen.

It is expected that the Relief Hook and Ladder Company will elect delegates at a meeting on August 11.

The Reliance Engine Company, which got the jump on the other volunteer companies, chose its delegates to the convention last week. This company expects to send over twenty members in a delegation to the convention, besides the five delegates and five alternates already elected.

It is highly probable that nearly one hundred firemen of this city will attend the annual meeting of the association.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Ladies of the Eastern Star and Alexandrians generally:

We, the undersigned, squad 7 of the Alexandria Light Infantry, desire to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks for tobacco and candy sent us. They were thankfully received by all the company. Signed Corporal C. E. Hayden, privates J. E. Nagel, Morris Newton, E. J. Hume, K. W. Dudley, Raphael Birrell, Shirley Pullen.

Eagles' Excursion, Wednesday, July 26.